

Tamil Nadu at Cuddalore, Perundurai, Palladam, Komarapalayam and Erode.

(c) After taking into consideration the suggestions of various stakeholders, appropriate action *inter alia* including duty rationalization, augmenting availability of raw material, infrastructure development, human resources development etc., is taken for increasing the competitiveness of the domestic textile industry including those in Tamil Nadu.

Establishment of Yarn Depots

1633. SHRI SUDARSHAN AKARAPU: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to establish 'Yarn Depots' for supply of yarn to handloom weavers in different parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of yarn depots that were proposed to be set up, State-wise, under the scheme during 2006-07; and

(d) what is the current status with regard to setting up of 'Yarn Depots' as on 31st October, 2006?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGO VAN): (a) to (d) In order to facilitate regular supply of yarn to the weavers in handloom sector, as on 31st October, 2006, 273 new Yarn Depots have been established throughout the country in 2006-07 against the sanctioned target of 230 new yarn depots, in addition to the existing 110 yarn depots. State-wise list of 273 New Yarn Depots as well as existing 110 yarn depot given in the Annexure. [See Appendix 209 Annexure No. 1]

Courses in Indian Institutes of Handloom Technology

1634. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Indian Institutes of Handloom Technology in the country:

(b) the details of courses conducted in each Institute; and